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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

#### Listing of Claims

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended)** A method for providing nutrition to a critical care canine comprising: administering to said canine an amount of an artificially produced canine milk substitute composition comprising, on a dry matter basis, from about 35 to 45% protein, from about 25 to 35% fat, ~~and~~ from about 10 to 25% carbohydrates, and a fructooligosaccharide; wherein said protein comprises casein and whey in a weight ratio of about 70:30.

**Claim 2 (Canceled)**

**Claim 3 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 38% protein.

**Claim 4 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 28% fat.

**Claim 5 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 19% carbohydrates.

**Claim 6 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which the source of the fat is selected from the group consisting of corn oil, canola oil, butter oil, arachidonic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, and blends thereof.

**Claim 7 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains fatty acids expressed as a percentage of total fatty acids on a dry matter basis, of from 15 to 19% palmitic acid, from about 5 to 9% stearic acid, from about 34 to 38% oleic acid, from

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about 17 to 21% linoleic acid, from about 1 to 4%  $\alpha$ -linoleic acid, from about 0.5 to 2% arachidonic acid, from about 0.2 to 1% docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), from about 2 to 5% Omega-3 fatty acids, from about 18 to 22% Omega-6 fatty acids, and from about 1 to 4% trans fatty acids.

**Claim 8 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains amino acids expressed as a percentage of total essential amino acids on a dry matter basis of from about 6 to 10% arginine, from about 4 to 8% histidine, from about 8 to 12% isoleucine, from about 16 to 20% leucine, from about 13 to 17% lysine, from about 2 to 7% methionine, from about 6 to 10% phenylalanine, from about 8 to 12% threonine, from about 1 to 4% tryptophan, from about 9 to 13% valine, from about 2 to 5% cystine, and from about 2 to 6% tyrosine.

**Claim 9 (Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains from about 4 to 8% by weight lactose.

**Claim 10 (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains about 0.50% by weight of said fructooligosaccharide.

**Claim 11 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains from about 27 to 37% by weight fatty acids.

**Claim 12 (Original)** The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains from about 15 to 25% by weight essential amino acids.

13-36 (Canceled).